with the civil suits filed by or against them. If a new court could not be opened, the Additional Munsiff's Court at Kottayam might be removed to Ettumanur.

The motor checking station should be shifted from its existing site near the local girls' school to the junction where the Palai road crossed the temple road. The junction where the checking station was already situated was always a busy and crowded centre as the pupils going to the girls' school, the English School, the Training School and the Ayurveda School had to cross the junction frequently, besides other people also. Thus it was a source of danger to the general public as motor buses were crossing the junction at short intervals.

In order to impart higher education in Sanskrit and Ayurveda, a Sanskrit school and an Ayurveda College should be established in the Northern Division of Travancore. It would be convenient if the Ayurveda High School at Ettumanur be raised to a college and a Sanskrit school opened near it. At the moment, those desirous of studying Sanskrit or Ayurveda had to go to Trivandrum. This was very inconvenient.

Lastly, the Ettumanur-Arumanur village road should be converted into a cart road after constructing the necessary bridges and culverts thereon, and taken over for departmental maintenance. This was a very useful and necessary public work.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Krishnanunni Asari, your suggestions for improving the Chirakulam tank will be considered.

The establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Ettumanur will await the report of the Law's Delays Commissioner.

The suggestion to shift the Police checking office from the present site will be referred to the Commissioner of Police, and he will be asked to report.

Owing to the present financial position, permission for opening a Sanskrit school is being refused. There is one Ayurveda College in the State. This is very young and needs money for development; and it scarcely seems time yet to establish another.

Your final suggestion regarding the conversion into a cart road of the Ettumanur-Arumanur village road will be referred to the Chief Engineer.

119. Certain needs of the eastern pakuthies of Changanachery taluk.

MR. K. T. MICHAEL (*Changanachery taluk, Group I*) first urged the need for raising the Sirkar English middle school at Kanjirapalli into a high school. This had been represented several times. There were other middle schools near but no high school. The nearest high school was at Palai, Kottayam or Changanachery. People found it difficult to send their children to these distant places, especially owing to the prevailing economic depression. The Government had agreed to raise the middle school to a high school provided the people put up the

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necessary buildings. This was impracticable. At the previous session, when the same question was pressed, the Dewan said that it would be reconsidered. The people were prepared to put up necessary sheds and provide funds for acquiring lands. The Government should therefore help the people in acquiring the lands necessary for the sheds.

The next point urged by the member was about the need for constructing a bridge across the Manimala river where it crossed the Kanjirapalli-Erumeli road. Both sides of the river were thickly populated and the bed of the river rocky, rendering it unsafe to cross it during the rainy season. The causeway constructed there was of no use during winter and during the dry season, it served no purpose. Hence a bridge should be constructed at an early date.

The Manimala bridge should be raised. Even in times of scanty rains, the bridge was submerged, it being very near the ghats and only 8 feet above the river bed. During dry weather, it was difficult to take canoes under it and more so during winter. The raising of the level of the bridge was therefore an imperative need.

The Mundakayam-Ranni road should be constructed at an early date. It would be a very useful road and would facilitate easy and quick transport of goods.

Lastly, the member suggested the desirability of locating the Munsiff-Magistrate's Court at Kanjirapalli in the local travellers' bungalow. The court was housed in a rented building and was far away from the Police Station and the hospital. It was therefore inconvenient to take the under-trial prisoners to and from the court and also for the Magistrate to take dying declarations from patients in the hospital whenever necessary. A sum of Rs. 300 was being spent annually for the maintenance of the travellers' bungalow but the receipts from it were insignificant. With the development of motor traffic, no travellers ever halted in the travellers' bungalow. The member also said in this connection that the owners of the rented building in which the court was held were intending to make a gift of it to the Government. But they could not do so because one of the buildings thereon was put up by public subscription for the purpose of conducting a school. The gift, if at all made, would therefore be illegal.

DEWAN'S REPLY: The Director of Public Instruction will be visiting Kanjirapalli in April, Mr. Michael, and he will make enquiries about the English middle school.

The District Road Board has decided that the construction of a bridge across the Manimala river on the Kanjirapalli -Erumeli road should wait as there is a permanent causeway.

The Manimala bridge cannot be raised at present because of financial stringency. It must wait until funds are available.

The same remark applies to the Mundakayam-Ranni road also.

The question of housing the Munsiff-Magistrate's Court is receiving attention.

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